

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 215th STATED MEETING

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY'S VISION STATEMENT

Joyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.

Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.

Prepared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

The 215th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 6:30 PM by Moderator Daniel Davis. Dan welcomed everyone and introduced Ruling Elder Dennis Pirkle, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Galena, Missouri. Dennis opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

The Stated Clerk gave an orientation to the Zoom videoconference platform to facilitate member participation.

Moderator Daniel Davis asked that any new Elder Commissioners or Ministers to the stated meeting of presbytery to be introduced:

Teresa Olsen from Trinity Springfield
Javier Valentín-Sívico from Rolla
Melissa Bush from Neosho

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, the Rev. Becky Schwandt, stated that based on the participants' list and the registration roll, a quorum was present for this in-person meeting of presbytery. ("A quorum necessary to transact business at each stated meeting of the presbytery shall consist of not less than six (6) ministers and as many ruling elders as may be present, providing that at least four (4) particular churches are represented by ruling elders.")

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the 210th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was fifty-five (55) in total. The breakdown follows:

Twenty two (22) Teaching Elders serving church, attended via Zoom

Three (3) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended via Zoom

Four (4) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended via Zoom

Eighteen (18) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended via Zoom

Four (4) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended via Zoom (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

Four (4) Volunteers, attended via Zoom

Four (4) Visitors, attended via Zoom

Zero (0) Corresponding Members

One (3) Staff members, attended via Zoom

One (1) Members at Large, attended via Zoom
Eighteen (18) Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners and one church has two Elder Commissioners for the sake of parity)

COMMUNITY	CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER or CRE	Present Excused Absent	RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyteria	Crews, Joe	Absent	Absent
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Baxter Springs, MO	First Presbyterian	Gantt, Larry	Absent	Absent
Carlyle, KS	Carlyle Presbyterian	Traw, Steve	Absent	Absent
Carthage, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Dawson, Mary
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Absent	Absent
Erie, KS	Federated Presbyterian	Choi, Shella	Absent	Absent
Everton, MO	Hampton Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Forsyth, MO	Community Presbyterian	Schreurs, Randy	Absent	Excused
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Gengler, Sarah	Present	Barrows, Mert
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Pirkle, Dennis
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Gloria	Absent	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Absent
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Present	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Mayo, Cheryl
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Absent	Absent
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Schacher, Tom	Absent	Daleske, Reina
Lockwood, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Excused	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent

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Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Absent	Absent
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Absent	Absent
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Absent	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Absent	Absent
Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Excused
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Present	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	Seo, Changwon	Absent	Absent
Rolla, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	_____	_____
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Excused	Uffman, Susan
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Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Excused	Absent
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Absent	Absent
Webb City, MO	First Presbyterian	Spencer, Charles	Absent	Absent
West Plains, MO	First Presbyterian	Dahlgren, Robert	Present	Absent
Willard, MO	Mt. Zion Presbyterian	Lee, Daniel	Present	Absent
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Absent	Absent
_____	Honorably Retired	Nipper, John	Present	_____
_____	Honorably Retired	Evans, Vicki	Excused	_____

Presbytery Moderators and Staff		
Presbytery moderator	Davis, Daniel	Present
Presbytery moderator-elect	Williams, Brenda	Excused
General Council moderator	Anderson, Kira	Present
Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob	Present
Committee on Ministry	Hollingsworth, Kent	Excused
Committee on Representation	Cooke, Diana	Excused
Mission and Nurture Committee	Lee, Daniel	Present
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Excused
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Excused
Pastoral Presbyter - Staff	Spencer, Malinda	Present
Stated Clerk - Staff	Schwandt, Becky	Present

VISITORS

VOLUNTEERS

The Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the Docket be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.

DOCKET

6:00 PM	Informal Fellowship New Commissioner Orientation (6:00)	
6:30 PM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis
	Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: St. Andrew at Hideaway	Elder Dennis Pirkle
6:40 PM	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery Announcements	Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis
6:45 PM	Report of Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declaration of a quorum• Approval of docket• Approval of the Consent Agenda• Seating of corresponding members	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
6:50 PM	Committee on Ministry Report pt. 1 Examination of Jonathon Kimball to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder	The Rev. Kent Hollingsworth
7:00 PM	Service of Evening Prayer	Elder Brenda Williams
7:20 PM	Education Time	Elder Patty Orchard
7:30 PM	Report of the Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
7:35 PM	Report from Administrative Ministries	The Rev. Bob Dahlgren
7:40 PM	Report of the Treasurer	The Rev. Dennis Winzenried
7:45 PM	Report of Committee on Ministry pt. 2 (including AC Reports)	The Rev. Kent Hollingsworth
7:55 PM	Report from General Council	The Rev. Kira Anderson
8:00 PM	Presbyterian Women's Report	Elder Mary Lynne Grimes
8:10 PM	Report for Mission and Nurture Committee	The Rev. Daniel Lee

8:20 PM	Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer	
8:25 PM	Go Out as a Worshipping Community	

The offering from today's worship service will be split evenly between St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Galena, MO and John Calvin Presbytery.

First Presbyterian will use their portion to help with school supplies for Reed Springs Schools.

John Calvin Presbytery will use their portion for
JCP Living Waters for the World.

Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt moved we seat the Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne, Synod Executive of the Synod of Mid-America and The Rev. Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo Ministry Engagement and Support from Mission Presbytery as corresponding members. Motion was seconded, and approved.

Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the consent agenda be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.

* Indicates an action item moved from another report to the Consent Agenda.

From Stated Clerk's Report:

- * 1. To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Stated Meeting of JCP Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
- * 2. To dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Called Meetings held on June 6th, 2023 and June 30th, 2023 and that those minutes be approved.
- * 3. That the second part of the 2022 Necrology Report be read during the worship service.

From the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee:

- * 1. That the financial reports for January 1st - June 30th, 2023 be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.

******* Concludes the Consent Agenda *******

For Information:

1. Annual Reviews for Minutes and Registers and Rolls will be scheduled starting in September. Please ask your clerks to be on the look out for an email containing a Doodle Poll so that all may attend one of the gatherings.

2. At those gatherings I will provide handouts and a quick primer on the changes in the new Book of Order as well. Those same handouts will be available on the website in September and as part of the packet for the November 4th, 2023 JCP Meeting.

***** Concludes the Stated Clerk Report *****

Committee on Ministry Report Part 1

COM Moderator Kent Hollingsworth moved on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, to commission of Jonathon Kimball to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at the JCP Called Meeting on August 11th, 2024 at Rolla Presbyterian Church for a period of 3 years. This commission authorizes him to officiate the sacraments. The commission will begin on August 11th, 2024 and expire on August 10th, 2027.

Moderator Daniel Davis reminded the body this does not need a second and asked Kent to explain what kinds of questions are appropriate in this situation for CREs. Kent told the body that the only questions the body is allow to ask are ones about personal faith, motives for seeking commissioning, and fit of call at Rolla. The COM is responsible for asking questions about theology and practice for CRE's and the COM has approved him as a CRE. Dan then opened the floor for questions.

Jonathon Kimball entertained questions from JCP and then was placed in a breakout room with Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer. Dan asked if there were any questions or discussion. There were none. **A motion was made and seconded to arrest and suspend the examination of Jonathon Kimball. Motion carried.** Dan congratulated Jonathon, prayed for him and Rolla and then remind people that his commissioning will occur at a Called Meeting, Sunday, August 11th at 4:00 PM.

Service of Evening Prayer with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Ruling Elder Dennis Pirkle and members of St. Andrew, Galena, MO led the body in Evening Prayer for the Book of Common Worship. The Rev. Dennis Winzenried presided over the Lord's Table. The offering taken will be used by St. Andrew to purchase school supplies for Reed Springs schools and the Creative Ministries Grant Fund for John Calvin Presbytery.

***** Concludes Service of Evening Prayer *****

Report from the Executive Presbyter

Moderator Daniel Davis invited Executive Presbyter, Elder Malinda Spencer, to share her report. Malinda referred the body to her written report and then offered her thanks. She thanked those who serve on JCP Committees and especially life up those who serve on Administrative Commissions. Malinda spoke about the event in Rolla which will be both a commission and installation service for Jonathan Kimball and an opportunity to hear again from Paul Greer at the Presbyterian Foundation at an educational event.

***** Concludes the Report of the Executive Presbyter *****

Report from Administrative Ministries Committee

Moderator Kira Anderson asked AMC Moderator Bob Dahlgren to give his report. Bob began his report by giving the history of how and why we provide a grant for Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer's medical benefits through First Presbyterian Church in Webb City. Because Malinda is a ruling elder, that changes her medical insurance options in the Board of Pensions. As her husband, the Rev. Charlie Spencer is serving at Webb City and enrolled in the BOP, it saves John Calvin Presbyter a substantial amount of money to have she and Charlie on one medical pension plan. However, it puts a financial burden on Webb City. So the presbytery offers Webb City a grant each year to off set the cost of Malinda's medical insurance.

AMC Moderator moved, on behalf of General Council and AMC, that John Calvin Presbytery provide a grant to First Presbyterian Church Webb City to cover the cost of Board of Pensions medical dues for Rev. Charles Spencer and family be increased from \$11,500.00 to \$12,500.00 to meet the cost for medical coverage during the year 2024. Motion carried.

Bob concluded his report by direction the body's attention to his written report detailing the work of AMC between the last presbytery meeting and this one.

***** Concludes the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee *****

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dennis Winzenried updated the body on the current financial information for JCP. He again stressed the importance of churches paying their per capita and contributing the shared mission and thanked those churches who have given or are in the process of meeting their financial commitments and gifts to the presbytery. Dennis reported that John Calvin Presbytery has reviewed and received the 2023 Annual Audit and Financial Report from KPM.

***** Concludes the Treasurer's Report *****

Report Form Committee on Ministry Part 2

Moderator Daniel Davis invited Ruling Elder Dennis Pirkle Moderator of the Administrative Commission for Southminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO to give an update on their work. Dennis spoke of making progress on going through the information collected from Southminster.

AC Moderator Dennis Pirkle then moved on behalf of the Administrative Commission, I move that the corporation of Southminster Presbyterian Church be dissolved. Motion carried.

AC Moderator Dennis Pirkle moved that John Calvin Presbytery approve the dissolution of Southminster Presbyterian Church, effective August 2nd, 2024. He further moved that the memberships of the Southminster congregation be held by the presbytery for up to one year and authorize the Stated Clerk to grant letters of transfer or dismissal for the members as requested. Motion carried.

Dennis told the body that the Administrative Commission would remain active until the November meeting to confirm finalizing all the details.

Moderator Daniel Davis thanked Dennis for his report and invited Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt to give a procedural update for the AC at Stockton Presbyterian Church. Becky gave the body the history of the discernment process Stockton undertook in 2015 when considering leaving the PCUSA. Becky informed the body that even though the AC was first elected to help Stockton sell their church building, the AC was empowered to undertake the duties in now finds itself doing.

Dan then asked AC member Bill Martin to give an update of their work with Stockton. Bill spoke of the last meeting between the AC and Stockton Presbyterian Church. At that meeting a separation agreement was agreed to and presented to JCP. It is as follows:

- For the purpose of preserving the history of the Stockton Presbyterian Church (USA), all church records and all items with the Presbyterian logo be turn over to the Stated Clerk of the John Calvin Presbytery.
- New insurance policy be written in the name of the new church.
- New By-Laws written in the name of the new church.
- A Title company be employed to change the Deed to remove the Stockton Presbyterian Church (USA) name and be re-written with the new church name.
- 501(c)3 status be applied for under the new church name.
- Remuneration of \$7,563.00 for past grants. This dollar amount was calculated by \$4,000 given by John Calvin Presbytery when the building was destroyed by tornado. \$3,000 given by John Calvin Presbytery for air condition repair. \$563.00 for two years of per capita.
 - ♦ The AC recommends funds given by Presbyterian Disaster Relief as a result of the Stockton building be destroyed by a tornado not be repaid.

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- ♦ The AC further recommends that the thousands of dollars given by the JC Presbytery and the PC(USA) to fund a full-time pastor position for one year not be repaid.
- That CRE Dale Hill provide a written resignation his commission as a Commissioned Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Bill told the body that Stockton has agreed to these terms. **Then, Bill moved on behalf of the Administrative Commission, that the corporation of Stockton Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective August 5th, 2024. Motion Carried.**

Bill moved that John Calvin Presbytery approve the dissolution of Stockton Presbyterian Church, effective August 5th, 2024. Motion carried.

Finally, Bill informed the body that the Administrative Commission for Stockton Presbyterian Church would remain active until the November presbytery meeting to ensure that all details of the separation agreement are completed.

***** **Concludes Report from Committee on Ministry** *****

Report from General Council

Moderator Daniel Davis invited General Council Moderator Kira Anderson to give the General Council Report.

Kira stated that pursuant to our presbytery policy Steps for the Sale of Property, General Council makes a motion that John Calvin Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First Presbyterian Church in Golden City, Missouri composed of Elder Jim Holt, Elder Cindy Fisher, and Elder Barb Woolery. The Administrative Commission shall give permission to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property pursuant to G-4.0206a to the session of the congregation after careful consideration of the congregation's decision to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property and the intended mission of the proceeds. Motion carried.

***** **Concludes Report from General Council** *****

Report from Presbyterian Women

Moderator Daniel Davis invited Elder Mary Lynne Grimes to share her report as Co-Moderator of JCP's Presbyterian Women. She shared the following:

JCP PW are excited to report that we have 10 women attending the 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women to be held in St. Louis August 8 – 11. This conference will include evening general plenary sessions, multiple workshops, book groups, a Synod

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luncheon, exhibits, silent auction and much more. Churchwide Gathering is billed as an exciting, faith-filled time of renewal, connection and fun. Women from around the world will be in attendance. Scholarship assistance has been provided to all who applied.

Locally our John Calvin Presbyterian Women will hold our fall gathering September 21 at Trinity Presbyterian in Springfield. Our featured speaker will be the International Peacemaker from the Republic of Korea, sometimes known as South Korea. We thank the Mission and Nurture Committee for keeping our fall gathering schedule in mind when making arrangements for this visit. We are excited to again include the Peacemaker in our event. Additionally we will have group discussions, a business meeting, a local mission project and more. The team is meeting tomorrow to finalize the meeting agenda.

Toni Spieth and I, as co moderators, decided to make contact with each church, specifically talking by phone with the local congregation PW contact. Not all churches have a contact so that was a priority. There seems to be a disconnect or misunderstanding on exactly what PW is and who is a member of PW. All women of the church are Presbyterian Women and as such have a right to know what their organization is doing – the activities, projects, gatherings etc. At the meeting tomorrow the coordinating team will firm up a plan so hopefully, in the future, more women will be aware of Presbyterian Women and our activities so they can choose to participate in those which are of interest.

******* Concludes Report from Presbyterian Women *******

Report from Mission and Nurture

Moderator Daniel Davis invited Mission and Nurture Moderator Daniel Lee to share his report. Daniel Lee reported that Mission and Nurture has started planning for our Peacemaker visit through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program in the Fall. Our Peacemaker will be from South Korea this year.

Daniel Lee then invited Kira Anderson to share a video made by the JCP Youth who are attending the Synod of the Sun event in Tulsa this week. After the video, Kira told the body that the group is having a great time and is already looking forward to attending next year. Daniel Lee concluded his report reminding the body to read the notices to see when and where the Peacemaker will be in September.

******* Concludes Report from Mission and Nurture *******

Moderator Daniel Davis told the body that the business of this meeting was now concluded and he offered the Resolution of Thanks. The body is especially grateful to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for hosting our Zoom meeting this evening.

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Elder Bill Marin moved to adjourn the 215th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery at the conclusion of the prayer. Seconded and approved.

Moderator Daniel Davis asked the Rev. Randy Schreurs to close the meeting in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Becky Schwandt

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Stated Clerk
John Calvin Presbytery